1945 PRICE LIST OF BROMELIADS

From the Collection of

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Acanthostachys Strobilacea

ACANTHOSTACHYS STROBILACEA ..... 1.50 & 3.00
rare, monotypic, very interesting, graceful, pendent

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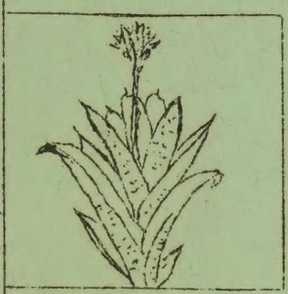
AECHMEA AUREA ROSEA 3.00
prominently toothed, green, grey banded leaves; flower head gold and pink

AECHMEA BRACTEATA (Mexico) ..... 75 & 1.50 & 3.50
large, vigorous; red and green leaf phases; stunning inflorescence with large red bracts



Aechmea fasciata

AECHMEA BROMELIAFOLIA ..... 3.50 & 5.00
large leaves, hooked teeth, interesting yellow flower head

AECHMEA CAUDATA variegata ..... 3.50 & 5.00 & 7.50
striking green and white striped leaves; large plant; yellow flowers

AECHMEA COELISTIS 2.00
light lavender-blue flowers

AECHMEA FASCIATA ..... 1.50 & 3.50
lovely urn-shaped plant of green leaves with white bands; pink flower head, blue flowers

Aechmea Fosteriana

AECHMEA FOSTERIANA (My new species) ..... 5.00 & 7.50
tubular shaped plant with spectacularly mottled leaves; flower head, maroon, green and yellow

AECHMEA FULGENS ..... 1.50 & 2.50
pale green leaves, brilliant red berry-like flowers with blue petals

AECHMEA FULGENS DISCOLOR ..... 2.00 & 3.50
powdery grey and maroon leaves; brilliant red berry-like flowers and blue petals

Aechmea marmorata

AECHMEA LINDENII ..... 2.00 & 3.50
tall, tubular, vigorous; brilliant yellow and orange flower head

AECHMEA MARMORATA "Grecian Vase" ..... 5.00 & 6.50
tall, tubular, symmetrical, vase-like plant; mottled leaves; pale pink bracts; blue petals

AECHMEA MINIATA DISCOLOR ..... 1.25 & 2.00 & 3.00
lovely green leaves upperside, maroon underside; red berry-like flowers with bright blue petals

AECHMEA MEXICANA (Mexico) ..... 1.50 & 2.50 & 5.00
large, mottled leaves; flower head is a symphony in lavender greys

Aechmea miniata -var. discolor

AECHMEA NUDICAULIS (Mexico) 1.50

AECHMEA NUDICAULIS var. CUSPIDATA (Brazil) 1.50 & 2.50
a plant that stands neglect; leaves are thick and stiff with grey bands

Aechmea Orlandiana

AECHMEA ORLANDIANA ..... 3.00 & 4.00 & 6.00
green leaves with black zebra mottlings; orange flower spike with white flowers; my new species --- rare --- exclusive

AECHMEA PECTINATA ..... 2.50 & 5.00
large type; colorful center leaves; compact flower head

AECHMEA PINELIANA ..... 2.50 & 3.50
interesting flower head resembling a small pine cone; yellow flowers; red scape bracts

Aechmea Racinae

AECHMEA RACINAE (my new species) ..... 2.00 & 3.00
lovely glossy green leaves with pendent flower stem; brilliant red, yellow and black flowers

AECHMEA VICTORIANA (my new species) ..... 2.00 & 3.50
semi-pendent flower spike; flowers of wine, white and black color

AECHMEA WEILBACHII ..... 3.50 & 5.00
lovely bronze and salmon leaves; lavender flowers

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Ananas Ananasoides Var. nana.

ANANAS ANANASOIDES var. NANA ..... .75 & 1.00
dwarf, decorative pineapple which never fails to fruit; the smallest pineapple in the world

ANANAS BRACTEATUS ..... .75 & 1.00
showy, quick grower, edible pineapple (not a commercial species)

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Billbergia iridifolia var. Concolor

BILLBERGIA AMOENA ..... 1.00 & 1.50 & 3.50
there are several distinct types of this species; plants range in color and form, from plain green to deep maroon with light spots

BILLBERGIA EUPHEMIA ..... 1.00 & 1.50 & 2.50
plain green leaves, delicate pink bracts; blue-lavender petals

Red Leaf Phase 3.50

BILLBERGIA HORRIDA var. TIGRINA ..... 1.50 & 3.00
red-brown leaves spectacularly banded with grey; flowers upright; green-white; fragrant

BILLBERGIA "HORENA" 1.50
my new bybrid of B. horrida X B. amoena

Billbergia meyerii

BILLBERGIA IRIDIFOLIA var. CONCOLOR 3.50
my new discovery, far superior to species type; gracefully curled blue-green leaves

BILLBERGIA LEPTOPODA 3.50
new species; a gem of a plant with a permanent wave; fantastically curled, spotted leaves; inflorescence red, blue, yellow

BILLBERGIA MEYERII ..... .50 & 1.50 & 3.50
very rare; slender, stiff, tubular type leaves, dark grey-brown, spot banded with grey; new introduction into horticulture

Billbergia Pyramidalis

BILLBERGIA NUTANS 1.50
dwarf type from Argentina; stiff, symmetrical; pink bracts, green petals edged with blue

BILLBERGIA PYRAMIDALIS ..... 1.50 & 2.50
glaucous green leaves; brilliant, upright cluster of flowers; scarlet petals with blue tinge; winter blooming type

BILLBERGIA SAUNDERSII ..... 1.00 & 1.50
an old favorite; dark blue petals; brilliant red bracts

BILLBERGIA VITTATA ..... 1.00 & 1.50
stiff, tubular type; colorful banded leaves; lovely dark blue flowers; glowing red bracts

BILLBERGIA ZEBRINA. (small plants) ..... .75
one of the most spectacular of the Billbergias; pink bracts; green petals; showy purple stamens

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Cryptanthus acaulis

BROMELIA SERRA ..... "Heart of Flame" 1.50
large, terrestrial; excellent Florida and Calif. decorative garden plant; center leaves turn brilliant red when the tall, white flower stalk appears bearing maroon flowers

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CRYPTANTHUS ACAULIS, green and red varieties ..35& .50

CRYPTANTHUS BAHIANUS (new species) 1.00
stiff plant; sun loving; white flowers

CYPTANTHUS-BILLBERGIA hybrids
B. nutans X Crypt. Beuckerii ..... .50 & .75
B. nutans X Crypt. Bahianus ..... .50 &1.00

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Dyckia Cutak
D. Sulphurea
x
D. Coccinea

DYCKIA LEPTOSTACHYA ..... .75 & 1.25
Bronze leaves; rich orange flowers persistent bloomer

DYCKIA CUTAK (D. sulphurea X D. Coccinea) 1.00
my new hybrid; vigorous grower

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Guzmania zahnii

GUZMANIA MINOR (small plants) ..... .75
flower head of orange, yellow and white; long lasting.

GUZMANIA ZAHNII (Costa Rica) ..... 1.50 & 3.00
leaves delicately penciled with bronze and red; flowers white

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Hohenbergia stellata

HOHENBERGIA STELLATA (blooming size) 7.50
one of the most spectacular Hohenbergias; tall spike of flower clusters; brilliant red bracts hold dark blue flowers; sparkling

HOHENBERGIA PENDULIFLORA (Cuba) ..... 2.00 & 3.50
robust plant; blue green leaves; flowers numerous but small

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GUZMANIA MONOSTACHA 1.50
Giant type size. Arguably, symmetrical; pink bracts, green petals edged with blue

HILDEBRANDIA TRIANGULARIS ..... 1.50 & 2.50
Ribbonlike green leaves; brilliant, upright cluster of flowers; scarlet petals with blue stripe, winter blooming type

HILDEBRANDIA GAUDEBERTII ..... 1.00 & 1.50
Red and favorite, dark blue petals, brilliant red-green

HILDEBRANDIA VITTATA ..... 1.00 & 1.50
Stiff, rosette-type; colorful-banded leaves; lovely dark blue flower, glowing red bracts

HILDEBRANDIA SERPINA (small plants) ..... .75
One of the most spectacular of the Hildebrandias; pink bracts; green petals, showy purple stamens

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HOHENBERGIA ZENEKA ..... "Heart of Flame" 1.50
Large, terrestrial, excellent florists and cells. Decorative garden plants; center leaves turn brilliant red when the fall, white flower stalk appears bearing maroon flowers

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CRYPTANTHUS ACAULIS, green and red varieties ..... .50

CRYPTANTHUS BEUCKERS (new species) 1.00
Stiff plants, sun loving, white flowers

CRYPTANTHUS-HILDEBRANDIA hybrids
A. Malaya X Cryp. Beuckers ..... .50 & .75
B. Malaya X Cryp. Rubinans ..... .50-&1.00

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DYCKIA LEPTOSTACHYA ..... .75 & 1.25
Brown leaves; rich orange flowers
Pseudacaut. dioecious

DYCKIA GUTAK (D. multiflora X D. coccinea) 1.00
New hybrid; vigorous grower

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GUZMANIA FIMOS (small plants) ..... .75
Flower head of orange, yellow and white; long lasting.

GUZMANIA ENGEIT (Costa Rica) ..... 1.50 & 3.00
Stiff, rosette, petalled with brown and red flowers white

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HOHENBERGIA STELLATA (blooming size) 2.50
One of the most spectacular Hohenbergias; tall spike of flower clusters; brilliant red bracts, dark blue flowers; sparkling

HOHENBERGIA TRIMEILITOA (bubs) ..... 2.00 & 3.50
Popular species; blue green leaves, flowers numerous, but small

Neoregelia farinosa

Neoregelia spectabilis

Neoregelia marmorata

Orthophytum foliosum

Quesnelia liboniana

NEOREGELIA AMPULLACEA 1.00
dwarf climbing species

NEOREGELIA CAROLINAE ..... 3.00 & 5.00
brilliant red center cup holding lavender flowers; known to horticulture for nearly a century

NEOREGELIA CONCENTRICA ..... 2.00 & 3.50
large size; light green leaves with bright red tips

NEOREGELIA FARINOSA "Crimson Cup" ..... 1.50 & 3.50
first introduction into horticulture; shiny bronze-green leaves; vivid crimson center when blooming and for six months thereafter

NEOREGELIA LAEVIS 1.50
pure white flowers

NEOREGELIA MARMORATA (hybrid) "Marble Plant"-1.50&3.00
(N. marmorata X N. spectabilis)
marbled green and red leaves; blue flowers

NEOREGELIA SARMENTOSA var. CHLOROSTICTA 3.50
most brilliant semi-dwarf Neoregelia; in full light, leaves are deep red with green spots

NEOREGELIA SPECTABILIS "Painted Fingernail", 1.00&2.50
green leaves with brilliant red tips; grey bands underside; low blue flowers

NEOREGELIA TRISTIS 1.50
semi-dwarf, tubular type; leaves spotted with red

NEOREGELIA TRISTIS 1.50
leaves spotted with purple

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NIDULARIUM AMAZONICA ..... 3.00 & 4.50
rich, dark maroon and green leaves; brick red center cup with white flowers; stunning

NIDULARIUM FULGENS 5.00
multi-leaved; light green mottled leaves; toothed; brilliant red center bracts; flowers are purple

NIDULARIUM RUTILANS 3.50
light green sparsely toothed leaves; bright cerise center bracts; red flowers

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ORTHOPHYTUM FOLIOSUM ..... 1.00 & 1.50

my new species in a rare genus; somewhat resembles a Dyckia; has tall spike with white flower heads

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QUESNELIA ARVENSIS ..... 5.00 & 7.50
large, leafy plant; showy, watermelon pink and blue flower head

QUESNELIA HUMILIS ..... 1.50 & 2.50
smallest in genus; glowing cerise and orange flowers

ANANCHOLIA ANNILACEA — 1.00
owner filaying spades

ANCHOLIA CAPOLIMAE — 3.00 & 5.00
Brilliant red center cup holding lavender flowers; blows to horticulture for nearly a century

ANCHOLIA COMPERTICA — 2.00 & 3.00
Sotera Major; Lilac green leaves with bright red tips

ANCHOLIA VARIEGATA "Orange Cup" — 1.50 & 3.00
First introduction into horticulture; shiny bronze-green leaves; vivid crimson center when blooming and for six months thereafter

ANCHOLIA LAEVIS — 1.50
Pure white flowers

ANCHOLIA PAMPOLIA (Hybrid) "Neoli Plant"-1.50&2.00
(A. matrovia X A. spectabilis)
Mottled green and red leaves; blue flowers

ANCHOLIA SANGUINEA var. CHLOROPICTA — 3.50
Scarlet flame, spot-leaf Bromeliad; in full light, leaves are dark red with green spots

ANCHOLIA STROLOPHILIS "Spotted Rhapsody" — 1.00&2.50
Green leaves with brilliant red tips; grey bands underneath; low blue flowers

ANCHOLIA TRIGRIS — .85
Leaves, tinted tips; leaves spotted with red

ANCHOLIA VERTIGR — 1.50
Leaves spotted with purple

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CYCLANTHUS AMAZONICA — 3.00 & 4.50
Rich, dark green and green leaves; pink red center cup with white flowers; stunning

NIDULARIUM EUGENIAS — 3.00
Multi-leafed; light green mottled leaves; tenches; brilliant red center bracts; flowers are purple

NIDULARIUM MITILAYS — 3.50
Light green graceily toothed leaves bright center bracts; red flowers

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OSTROLYTUM SOLIOSUM — 1.00 & 1.50
My new species in a very small; somewhat weeping a Dyckia; has tall spike with white flower bases

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QUESNELIA AVERNIE — 5.00 & 7.50
Large, large plant; showy, watermelon pink and blue flower head

QUESNELIA MARITIS — 1.50 & 2.50
Smaller; 12 flower; blowing cerise and orange flowers

Tillandsia Capitata

QUESNELIA LIBONIANA 1.50
stiff, tubular type, pendent orange and deep purple flowers

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STREPTOCALYX FLORIBUNDA 15.00
an epiphytic giant; leaves 6 to 8 feet at maturity

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TILLANDSIA BALBISIANA ..... .75
interesting Florida species

Vriesia Carinata Hybrid

TILLANDSIA CAPITATA (Mexico) ..... 3.50 & 5.00
spectacular flower head of yellow, grey and purple

TILLANDSIA FASCICULATA (Florida) 1.00
very decorative; grey leaves, brilliant red bracts, purple flowers

TILLANDSIA GRANDIS (Mexico) ..... 1.00 & 2.50
largest species in genus; flower stem reaches 11 feet; likes sun and rocks

Vriesia Fosteriana

TILLANDSIA IONANTHA (Mexico) ..... .50
small but beaufiful; entire plant turns red at blooming; flowers purple, yellow stamens

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VRIESIA BITUMINOSA 2.50
large, showy, maroon tipped leaves

VRIESIA CARINATA (hybrid) "Painted Feather"
its red and yellow inflorescence is beautiful for six months; blooms in the fall ..... 5.00 & 8.00

Vriesia hieroglyphica

VRIESIA FOSTERIANA ..... 7.50 & 10.00
my new species. Just introduced; blue-green leaves, beautifully marked with maroon penciled designs

VRIESIA GUTTATA ..... 7.50 & 10.00
green leaves with maroon spots; drooping pink flower spike covered with "talcum" powder; yellow flowers

VRIESIA HIEROGLYPHICA 5.00
king of the bromeliads for a century; striking green leaves with black hieroglyphs

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Wittmackia lingulata

WITTMACKIA LINGULATA ..... 3.50 & 5.00
holds its tall branches of white fruit for months

Mulford B. Foster's 194 Price List of BROMELIADS

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There are two distinctive types of bromeliads, terrestrial and epiphytic. Species of Dyckia, Hechtia, Encholirium, Bromelia, Ananas, etc. are interesting spiny succulents, all having similar plant form (with many variations) to the pineapple plant. They require medium sandy soil with small amounts of dairy manure; they feed directly through their roots although the basal part of the leaves absorbs certain foods from the air. Moderate watering suffices their thirst. These terrestrial bromeliads have a versatility all all their own and are quite an addition to the sub-tropical rock garden as well as to the dish garden.

Bromeliads that are the most interesting and adaptable as house plants are the epiphytes (air plants) which are appealingly versatile in leaf and flower color, in the manner in which they bloom, how they hold their water, how they propgate; the diversity is endless!

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Many bromeliads are very spectacular in bloom with plain foliage, others are spectacular in foliage with less conspicuous flowers. Many of them, such as species of Aechmea and Vriesia may carry their flower and fruiting head in beautiful color for six months.

Most bromeliads in the following list are native to Brazil except those listed otherwise, and most of them I have personally collected and propagated.

With each shipment of epiphytic bromeliads, full instructions and proper potting medium are included. We prefer that you send check or money order; no C.O.D. orders; we send plants by American Express with express charges collect. Add 20% to orders less than $3.00 for prepaid parcel post. We prefer that you do not order between dates of Dec. 5th and April 1st as the Christmas rush and the cold northern winter on these tropical plants in transit means they may not arrive safely. Exceptions can be made to southern states. We are not responsible for plants in transit; if plants do not arrive in good condition, show them immediately to the Express Agent and receive a claim sheet which can be sent to us for adjustment.

Informative literature on the subject of bromeliads is very scarce; what is obtainable is usually in a foreign language or is purely botanical. Frankly, I know of almost no popular writings on the subject, so I include a list of my contributions.

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